

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph at page 3, line 20, to page 4, line 5, as follows:

Preferably, the first covering and the second covering are attachable via one or more hook-and-loop type fasteners. Different advantages are afforded by having the loop part of the fasteners on the first covering or the second covering. If the loop part is on the first covering, washability of the first covering might be improved. (The hook part of some hook-and-loop type fasteners does not weather washing well.) If the loop part is on the second covering, a sandal with only the second covering attached would be more comfortable. Such a situation could arise, for example, if the first covering was worn out and no replacement was available.

Please amend the paragraph at page 7, line 19, to page 8, line 4, as follows:

In an alternative embodiment, the first covering has the hooks, and the second covering has the loops. Different advantages are afforded by having the loop part of the fasteners on the first covering or the second covering. If the loop part is on the first covering, washability of the first covering might be improved. (The hook part of some hook-and-loop type fasteners does not weather washing well.) If the loop part is on the second covering, a sandal with only the second covering attached would be more comfortable. Such a situation could arise, for example, if the first covering was worn out and no replacement was available.

Please amend the paragraph at page 8, lines 6 to 9, as follows:

The hooks and loops in Figure 1 are arranged in several separate areas, namely around the periphery of the coverings and at a couple places within the peripheries of the coverings. Other arrangements are possible without departing from the scope of the invention ~~and are within the scope of the invention.~~